

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of September 7, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the specification and claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

page 1 of the specification is amended to insert a new paragraph entitled "Cross References to Related Applications", including the continuity data of the present application;

claim 1 is amended to specify that the exposure specific graphics added to the sensed image indicate the exposure settings utilized by the digital camera in taking the sensed image. Support for this amendment can be found on page 4 of the present specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding Specification Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of the specification with respect to the continuity details provide the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding Priority

A certified copy of PO 7991 is enclosed herewith. The Applicant respectfully submits that PO 7999 was presented at the time of filing of parent Application No. 09/112,743.

Regarding Double Patenting Rejection

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended claim 1 is not obvious over claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,727,951 in view of Konishi et al. (US 5,420,635), for at least the following reasons.

Amended claim 1 clearly recites that the exposure specific graphics added to the image indicate the exposure settings utilized by the digital camera in taking the sensed image, as is described on page 4 of the present specification.

On the other hand, Konishi merely discloses processing portions of images in accordance with the exposure in those portions (see abstract), and does not teach or suggest adding exposure specific graphics to the images which indicate the exposure settings utilized by a digital camera in taking the images, as is required by amended claim 1.

Further, US Patent No. 6,727,951 does not disclose adding exposure specific graphics as admitted by the Examiner.

Therefore, no combination of claim 1 of US Patent No. 6,727,951 and Konishi teaches or suggests the subject matter of amended claim 1.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended claim 1 is not disclosed by Konishi for at least the above-discussed reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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